UMB Recovery | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Join the 'Fight COVID-19 in One Click' Campaign

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Dear UMB Students:

As COVID-19 continues to spread, we are using every tool we have to slow the spread within the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) community. That's why I am asking each of you to participate in our Fight COVID-19 in One Click campaign. Students can help UMB promote a safer learning and work environment in coordination with the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) by authorizing access to your COVID-19 test results. You can read and sign the CRISP authorization form at this link.

Why should I opt in?
Time is valuable when it comes to contact tracing. Each moment that passes between a positive COVID-19 test and reporting it to the UMB COVID-19 Hotline delays communication to family, friends, or colleagues who may have been exposed to COVID-19. By participating in this Health Information Exchange, UMB will instantly receive your COVID-19 results, which gives our contact tracers a head start in alerting those who may have been exposed.

What happens if I opt in? Can I opt out?
If you opt in, UMB will receive only your name along with the date and result of any COVID-19 test administered to you. This permission will expire in one year; however, you can revoke your authorization at any time. If you change your mind, just visit the authorization form and click on "online revocation form."

What about my privacy?
The only information UMB will receive is your name, the date of your COVID-19 test, and the results. That's it. We don't receive any other personal or health information about you, we will never share that information with anyone outside of UMB, and only approved UMB employees will have access to your results.

Who receives my information?
UMB Student Affairs, Employee/Student Health, and your school leadership will receive this limited information. Why them? Because they'll be able to quickly identify which housing residents, employees, or students you may have been in contact with, which helps to expedite our contact tracing efforts and provide you with support, if needed.

If I opt in and get a positive COVID-19 test result, what happens?
Even if you opt in, you will need to follow the same protocol for reporting a COVID-19 positive result to UMB:
Stay home - do not come to campus.

Call the UMB COVID-19 Hotline at 800-701-9863; the Hotline will discuss next steps with you.

Record your test results in the SAFE on Campus system.

Even though these steps remain the same, opting in to the Health Information Exchange means we will immediately receive those important COVID-19 test results to ensure a safer and healthier UMB.

I understand that you may have concerns about privacy, especially when it comes to your health and personal information. I take those concerns very seriously and hope I've addressed them above. By participating in this program, you will be helping us to protect our entire UMB community and beyond. Please consider participating and help us Fight COVID-19 in One Click.

Sincerely,

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